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## WEYLER WHIPPED.

Cuban Patriots Surprise the Spanish General.

## LAUGHTER OF DONS IN RETREAT.

Cuban Masters of the Situation in the Field. Thirty Spaniards Killed and Sixty Wounded.

St. Louis, Nov. 12.—The Globe-Democrat's dispatch from Havana says: "The battle of Weyler, which was at first not expected, but which was a complete surprise to the Spanish general, was fought on the morning of the 11th. The Cuban forces, under the command of General Marti, surprised the Spanish army, which was at that time in the process of concentrating its forces at Weyler. The result was a complete defeat for the Spanish general, who was killed, and his army was dispersed. The Cuban forces, on the other hand, were victorious, and they captured a large number of arms and ammunition. The Spanish general's retreat was a complete disaster, and it was a great blow to the Spanish cause in Cuba. The Cuban forces, on the other hand, were now in a position to take the offensive, and they were expected to do so in the near future. The Spanish government, on the other hand, was in a very difficult position, and it was expected that it would have to make some concessions to the Cuban people in order to bring the war to a close. The Cuban people, on the other hand, were now more determined than ever to fight for their independence, and they were expected to continue their struggle for many months to come. The Spanish government, on the other hand, was now in a very difficult position, and it was expected that it would have to make some concessions to the Cuban people in order to bring the war to a close. The Cuban people, on the other hand, were now more determined than ever to fight for their independence, and they were expected to continue their struggle for many months to come."

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## NOW IT IS JUDGE FORMAN.

Surprise For the Late Democratic Gold Candidate for Governor.

St. Louis, Nov. 12.—Probably there was not a more surprised man in the country yesterday than ex-Congressman William S. Forman, of East St. Louis, when he read of his prospective appointment as chief justice of the court of claims. Mr. Forman had received a telegram, telling him to come to Washington City, but he says he never suspected that the journey would result in his political elevation. In accordance with instructions contained in the telegram, Mr. Forman left for the capital yesterday evening over the Baltimore and Ohio Southwest. He was seen at the Union station by a Globe-Democrat reporter while waiting for his train, and to him the congressman expressed his great surprise.

"The honor comes, if the report is correct, unsolicited," said Mr. Forman, "and is all the more appreciated on that account. I confess it is hard for me to believe that President Cleveland has selected me as a successor to the late Chief Justice Richardson, but the Globe-Democrat is pretty good authority. For my part, I never dreamed that I was to be the recipient of any position whatsoever at the hands of the president. I received a telegram telling me to come on to Washington, but that was all the information the message contained, and I gave no thought to what the trip would lead to. One thing, however, is certain, and that is that the idea of my receiving any appointment, such as chief justice of the court of claims, never entered my mind. I am still a bit doubtful about the truth of the story, for the simple reason that it has never been intimated to me that I was to be rewarded for my fight for sound money. Certainly, I never expected any. It will not do for me to discuss the matter any further, for the story of my preference may prove false."

Notwithstanding Mr. Forman's surprise, there is good ground for reassessing the correctness of the report that the appointment has been decided upon. A special despatch from Washington says:

"There was considerable perturbation in administration circles today over the premature announcement of the intention of the president to reward the Illinois sound money leaders. There was no attempt to deny that Mr. Forman had been summoned to the capital by the wish of the president, but that he had been offered the chief justiceship of the court of claims was questioned. It can be stated positively, however, that the telegram which was sent to Mr. Forman informed him that his presence in Washington was desired that he might consider that position. President Cleveland is very much opposed to the premature announcement of his intentions, and it may be that, since his purpose to appoint Mr. Forman to the chief justiceship of the court of claims has become known, he will reconsider his plan. That he will provide handsomely for Mr. Forman, however, is certain."

National W. C. T. U. at St. Louis.

St. Louis, Nov. 12.—Miss Francis E. Willard, president of the national W. C. T. U., kept the officers busy all day completing arrangements for the annual convention which assembles tomorrow. Dr. Mary Wood Allen, national superintendent of Purify work, presided at the opening session of the Purify conference. During the session there were a series of object lessons by pictures, following the address by Mrs. Allen who argued for one code of morals for both sexes.

She Couldn't Help It.

Evansville, Ind., Nov. 12.—Mrs. Jane Newsum yesterday brought suit against her husband, James Newsum, for divorce. She is the seventeenth wife of James and she is also the seventh woman to ask the courts to set her free from him. He has already been divorced six times. The present wife knew his record, and when asked why she married him in the face of it replied that she couldn't help it, he was so fascinating.

The Vote in California.

San Francisco, Nov. 12.—With thirteen counties unreported the total canvassed vote for California shows that the plurality for McKinley is over 2800 votes. This places the vote of San Francisco where it was fixed by the unofficial count, Republican plurality 308. The counties yet to be officially reported are principally of small population. In one or two cases the vote will be large and McKinley's majority will be surely increased.

Bicycle Contest.

Saratoga, N. Y., Nov. 12.—The score at the end of twelve hours of six days, four hours daily bicycle contest: Hoff, better, 280 miles and four laps; Smith, 240 miles and nine laps; Schock, 348 miles and five laps; Golden, 248 miles and ten laps.

Ask for Mrs. Bryan to Come.

Denver, Nov. 12.—Denver women representing various social and political organizations have sent an urgent invitation to Mrs. Bryan to accompany her husband to Denver on the 24th inst.

## A DIFFICULT TASK.

Only One Detail Lacking in the Venezuelan Arbitration Matter.

## KING OSCAR, OF SWEEDEN, IS CHIEF.

Early Settlement of the Questions at Issue Expected—Secretary Olney and Minister Panncofte Agreed on One Point.

Washington, Nov. 12.—Only one point in the matter of detail, not merit, remains open between the United States and Great Britain in the settlement of the Venezuelan question, and cablegrams between Washington and London give every reason to believe that this point which has delayed the formal affixing of signatures to the settlement will be determined within a day or two. It relates to the choice of the four judicial members of the court of arbitration. It has been found that it is not an easy task to take for the lord chief justice, solicitor general or some other eminent British judicial functionary from his present duties and charge him with others which may require months or years of time. The arrangements as to King Oscar of Sweden, as chief arbitrator are not open, but final, as far as Olney and Panncofte are concerned.

The Agreement and Treaty.

Now that the facts of agreement are known fuller information is obtainable as to the form of the compact. There are two distinct papers. The first is the most important. It is in the nature of a solemn agreement between the United States and Great Britain on terms by which the boundary question is to be settled and the form of the court of arbitration. It lacks the technical characteristics of a treaty and the agreement is signed by the representatives of the two governments on terms by the way they will settle the differences on the disputed boundary question. Then because the subject matter of the boundary itself lies between Great Britain and Venezuela the second paper is made necessary. This is to be in the form of a treaty between Great Britain and Venezuela. This will explain some ambiguity of terms that have arisen as to the agreement and treaty. Literally the United States and Great Britain have made an agreement by which the terms of arbitration and treaty between Great Britain and Venezuela are framed. Each instrument will relate to the other and be a part of the common understanding on the entire subject. Thus Venezuela retains an attitude as the contracting party to the final treaty, but as the treaty is shaped by agreement with the United States the instrumentality by which full results are accomplished and the United States names two of the judicial arbitrators.

Contests in Kentucky.

Louisville, Ky., Nov. 12.—The eleven Bryan and Sewall electors and two Bryan and Watson electors who were voted for in Kentucky at the last election are preparing notices of contest. They will take chances with the Republican state canvassing board, composed of the governor, attorney general and secretary of state, and will attempt to prove frauds in the Eleventh congressional district, which returned a plurality of over 14,000 for McKinley and the greatest total vote ever known in the mountain section. The counties in which the contest is to be made have not yet been divulged, but, it is said, all are in the Eleventh district, where there are so few Democratic votes that the throwing out of the vote of whole counties would be of a vast benefit to the contestants.

Contests are also to be made in every legislative and senatorial district where a Republican was elected, in the hope of preventing the election of a Republican United States senator.

Secretary Richardson has issued an appeal to the electors of the whole country for subscriptions to enable the contest to be made.

New Hampshire Election Returns.

Concord, N. H., Nov. 12.—Ellsworth, the last polling place in New Hampshire to be heard from, has made its election returns. The figures complete the state vote, which gives McKinley 55,671, Bryan 31,098; plurality for McKinley, 24,573. For governor, Ganssoll (Rep.), 49,092; Kent (Dem.), 28,090; Ramsdell's plurality, 21,002.

Watched His Victim Die.

Chicago, Nov. 12.—Albert Acosta, a Mexican, assistant chef in a restaurant, plunged a knife into the body of Richard Donovan, assistant cook, with whom he had trouble. He coolly drew out the blade and watched his victim die.

The Weather.

Chicago, Nov. 12.—Fair tonight; colder south; Friday, fair; light northwest winds.

## APPROACHING CRISIS IN CUBA

Spanish Forces Attempting to Drive the Insurgents into the Open.

Washington, Nov. 12.—The renewed reports that the United States is about to intervene in the Cuban conflict are not confirmed in official quarters, nor is there any evidence to indicate that at any time the United States has had under consideration any change in its policy. The only information reaching here is that the Spanish military operations, begun in October, are about to go forward with greater energy than at any previous time. Important results are expected from this forward movement within the next three weeks. There are now 25,000 more Spanish troops en route for Cuba. They will be distributed in the western provinces. It is expected that with these additional troops in position in the four western provinces will be completely garrisoned and occupied at every point by the government forces.

The full operations within the last few days is explained by a circumstance not yet known. The insurgent leader Maceo moved to the coast for the purpose of receiving a pneumatic dynamite gun, which had been landed with great difficulty. The reports reaching here show that the trial of the gun failed to show it to be formidable, the shot carrying only 500 yards, or less than the distance carried by rifles. Under these circumstances Maceo has retraced his steps without the dynamite gun.

Meanwhile, the Spanish forces have been divided into two main divisions, one in the south and the other in the north of the island. The main purpose of the troops has been to occupy the mountain passes, and this has proceeded so rapidly that it is asserted here positively that every approach and egress to the mountain passes is now commanded by a heavy force of Spanish troops. This plan of campaign is relied on to force the insurgents to fight in the open country.

The civil affairs of Cuba also have undergone a change within recent days. By agreement between the leaders of the liberal conservative and home rule parties, constituting all the loyal elements, they have been merged into one party, known as the party of common defense. The main feature of agreement is the termination of the rebellion before any plan of autonomy shall be put into operation.

## BOOM IN WAGES.

Operatives in the Sterling Wire Mill are 100 Per Cent to the Better.

Sterling, Ill., Nov. 12.—In the wire mill here a schedule of prices has gone into effect under which the wages of experienced men have increased over 100 per cent.

Heretofore each wire drawer got \$1.50 per day, without regard to the labor performed. By the new scale the amounts earned by three experienced men on Friday, Saturday, and Monday has been respectively \$10.53, \$10.92 and \$10.15. Then men who have had no previous experience earned \$7.13, \$9.09 and \$6.18.

## New Work for Salvation Army.

St. Louis, Nov. 12.—An innovation in the line of religious rescue work will be inaugurated shortly by the Salvation army. It is that of caring for persons who are drunk on the streets, lamp post hangerson and those who cannot navigate from over indulgence in liquor. They will be picked up and carried to the army barracks, and taken care of until sobered. Both men and women will receive the benefit, and both men and women of the army will do the work.

## Killed by a Bullet.

Champaign, Ill., Nov. 12.—John Burge, the 18 years old son of Jasper Burge, of Fisher, was fatally injured while rabbit hunting last Sunday and died Tuesday. He was poking into a brush heap with the butt of his 22-calibre rifle when the gun went off, the bullet entering his abdomen. The ball could not be found and the patient sank gradually to his death.

## Trial of George W. Smith.

Pekin, Nov. 12.—The trial of George W. Smith, charged with murdering his son-in-law, Lewis Perrill, will commence Monday morning next before Judge N. E. Worthington in the Tazewell county circuit court. It will no doubt be several days before they will be able to obtain a jury, possibly a week.

## Plans of Sol Smith Russell.

Cincinnati, Nov. 12.—Sol Smith Russell, now playing an engagement here, makes the announcement of his intention to put on the board next season "The Rivals," believing that the public is ready to get away from the horse and elephant phase of dramatic representation.

## Bryan Man Succeeded.

Columbus, Ohio, Nov. 11.—Morris Brown, aged 69 years, committed suicide at the Star house by taking morphine. He was an ardent Bryan man and worry over Bryan's defeat is believed to have prompted his act.

## The Weather.

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## MCKINLEY AT HOME.

More Callers at Canton Every Day and Evening.

## MEMBERS OF THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

Ask to Escort the President-Elect to Washington—Mrs. McKinley in Much Better Health.

Canton, Ohio, Nov. 12.—Dinner was served last evening at the McKinley home. It was after 7 o'clock when Major and Mrs. McKinley sat down in the cozy dining room for their evening meal. Colonel and Mrs. Myron T. Herrick, whom they had been intending to visit this week, came down from Cleveland on an evening train. Mrs. McKinley appeared to have regained much of her cheerfulness that was so marked before her attack of grip three weeks ago.

Scarcely had the president-elect entered the library than the mail carriers of Canton were announced. They shook hands with their distinguished fellow townsman. He told them that when he secured free mail delivery for Canton fourteen years ago this little city only required five mail carriers, and they told him that the enormous mail since the presidential campaign opened had kept them and as many more employees at the new public postoffice building bustling for months past. Their short visit had no sooner ended than a committee from the Knights Templar of Canton, headed by General Superintendent Kennedy, of the Cleveland, Canton & Southern railway, called. Major McKinley said he supposed Mr. Kennedy was resting easier since the Canton excursion business had ended. Superintendent Kennedy said that the ocean stockholders of his road were much gratified at the enormous business done, but he had come to ask the honor for the Canton Knights Templar of escorting their comrade to Washington for the inaugural ceremonies. It was understood that such matters would probably be referred to the national committee and the committee in charge of the inaugural convention at Washington. One of the committee said the Knights Templar had escorted Presidents Buchanan and Garfield to Washington. It was explained that a committee for several hundred Canton business men had culled with a similar tender of services. The Eighth regiment O. N. G. had also asked for the honor, as well as the Cleveland troop, the Fourteenth regiment of Columbus where Major McKinley lived during the four years of his gubernatorial term, and many other similar organizations. One notable body aspiring for that distinction is the oldest Republican club in California, which wired offering to come from San Francisco and do escort duty.

Late in the afternoon members of the state board of commerce from Cleveland, Akron and Columbus, headed by ex-Congressman General W. C. Rouse and Senator J. Park Alexander, of Akron, and ex-Senator Hodge, of Cleveland, called to invite Major McKinley to attend the annual meeting of the board at Columbus, Dec. 9. Major McKinley could give them no encouragement that he would be able to attend, as he has been forced to decline scores of like invitations from all parts of the country.

Mr. McKinley passed the early part of the day at home quietly receiving and entertaining the usual number of visitors and giving such time as is permitted him to the accumulated and still accumulating correspondence. His mother and his sister Helen went to the house early this morning to be with Mrs. McKinley during the day. One of the morning callers was Sam Roberts, state chairman of Kentucky. Mr. Roberts thinks there is now little probability of a contest on the electoral vote of that state. It is now practically conceded, he says, that the Republicans have succeeded by a plurality of at least 444.

Ex-Senator John J. Ingalls yesterday's letter to Major McKinley says: "I am very much gratified to know that my predictions at Minneapolis have come to pass. My congratulations are late but they are cordial and sincere. They are tempered by profound regret and disappointment at the result in Kansas, but we did the best we could."

J. J. DeHaven, of San Francisco, writes: "The contest was a hard one, on account of the silver question, and it was your personal popularity and manner in which you conducted your campaign and the patriotic character of your speeches which contributed largely to the Republican victory in our state. The people have confidence in you."

West's drug store saves you money on the medicines you have to buy.

## A Convict Gets \$50,000.

Chicago, Nov. 12.—When Alonzo C. Word, a wealthy resident of Chicago, made his will shortly before his death four years ago, he disinherited his son, Fred L. Word, who is in the California penitentiary under life sentence for murder. The Illinois supreme court has set aside the will. The result is an estate of \$1,000,000, must be distributed according to law, and the life convict will get \$50,000.

Mr. Word, in his will, accused his son of attempting to murder him and his brothers and sisters. He recounted the advantages given the son, and how the latter threatened to kill the rest of the family. After mentioning the fact of the son's imprisonment, the father said in his will:

"During his boyhood and early manhood I gave him more advantages than I gave the other children, but all my love and care for him only seemed to make him more wicked and reckless. It is my express desire that he shall have nothing whatever from my estate, and I make this statement that there may be no question as to my intention to leave my son anything."

The court says a man cannot disinherit a child by simply saying he does not wish to leave him anything. In addition to doing this, the decision says he must give the property to some one else.

## Colored Man Elected.

Boston, Nov. 12.—The board of election commissioners have finished the recount of votes in the forthwith councillor district and Isaac D. Allen, the colored Republican candidate, was declared elected over Hon. John H. Sullivan, who now represents the district, and who was the Democratic candidate. Allen's majority was only 92 votes. There is no appeal from the decision of the election commissioners and the governor's council stands for the first time in its history solidly Republican, while Allen holds the highest political office ever given a colored man by the voters of Massachusetts. The new councillor was born in slavery and escaped during the war, moving with General B. F. Butler. He was with him after the war on the famous schooner American, which General Butler owned. At the time of the Republican convention at which Allen was nominated, the place on the ticket was offered to a number of prominent Republicans, but all refused it, not desiring to run in a strong Democratic district and be defeated. Allen's election was as much a surprise to him as to his Democratic opponent. Sullivan carried the district last year by over 5000.

## Laughed to Death.

Philadelphia, Nov. 12.—James Thornton, a voodoo doctor, died from laughing. His laugh was infectious. With him "laugh and the world laughs with you" was literally true. Sometimes he would start to laugh, and it was only with great difficulty that he could stop. These spells weakened him. Yesterday he had a severe attack of laughter. When he reached home he went to bed, where he had another laugh, then he fell asleep. Today he was found dead. He was 70 years old and was formerly a street car driver. When the twelfth supplanted the horns Thornton quit and took to healing.

## Want a Graduated Income Tax.

Rochester, N. Y., Nov. 12.—The general assembly of the Knights of Labor today adopted a resolution declaring for the enactment of a graduated income tax law. Failing to procure this from the next congress, the Knights will use all their influence to have the demand for such tax incorporated into a platform of one of the great political parties. If they fail therein in all probability there will be efforts made to set up a new political party.

## The Lutheran League.

The National Lutheran League will be held at Chicago on November 17 to 20. Jesse Peters will go from this city as the representative of the First English Lutheran church and Rev. Oberly has been appointed as alternate. The League is the young people's society of the Lutheran church. The convention which is to be held this month will be one of the most important meetings of that church that has been held this year.

## Joseph F. Reed.

Bloomington, Ill., Nov. 12.—Joseph F. Reed, formerly a newspaper man of Central Illinois, died yesterday at Lake Charles, La., from pneumonia. He was for many years a publisher at Pekin and Delavan, Ill., and for some years had published the Lake Charles (La.) Press.

## Epworth League Meeting.

Chicago, Nov. 12.—The Cedar Rapids seventh annual convention of the Epworth League convened here today for a four days' session. Six hundred delegates are expected. Besides state officers many prominent leaguers of national reputation will be present.

## Starvation.

London, Nov. 12.—A Hamby special says: In eleven districts of Devon and Cornwall a million and a quarter people are believed to be on the verge of starvation. Blots have occurred in some places.

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Even the Populist party is suspicious of those Democrats who affiliated with them in the last campaign.

The best evidence yet seen that not all those Democrats who followed their foul leaders into the silver camp are totally depraved, politically, is the quiet rejoicing of so many of them over Bryan's defeat. There are thousands of them who are as much pleased as any of those who voted against the horsey of free silver coinage.

## Bryan Bimetallism.

There are a great many people who do not believe Bryan's theory of the free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1 who are always conceding Bryan's honesty of purpose. Mr. Bryan is either dishonest or he is entitled to no credit for possessing even commonplace judgment and it is a question whether it is more to a public man's credit to be wise and dishonest or to be ignorant and honest.

Mr. Bryan continues to talk about the fight for bimetallism, measuring the coin current circulation of gold and silver which he assumes would be accomplished by the free coinage of gold and silver at the ratio of 16 to 1. There is not one man in a thousand among those who voted for Bryan who knows anything at all about cause and effect in business who believed that the free coinage of both gold and silver would result in bimetallism. They know it would result in silver monometallism if in fact it did not result in cheap paper money to the exclusion of both gold and silver. Does Bryan know this? If so he is dishonest in further attempting to deceive what he calls the common people. Under free coinage of both gold and silver this country never had bimetallism, that is gold and silver did not at the same time circulate among the people even when the commercial ratio of gold and silver varied but a few cents from the mint ratio in favor of one or the other of the metals. From 1792 to 1834 there was free coinage of gold and silver at the ratio of 16 to 1 but one ounce of gold being worth commercially more than 15 ounces of silver the gold coined did not circulate as money and the people did not have bimetallism. In 1834 the ratio was changed to 16 to 1. There was free coinage at that ratio but 16 ounces of silver was commercially worth more than one ounce of gold and the silver coined did not circulate among the people and they did not have bimetallism. So it is very clear that the free coinage of gold and silver does not insure bimetallism. There are facts of history that Mr. Bryan ought to be familiar with yet in face of his proposals the free coinage of gold and silver at the ratio of 16 to 1 when the commercial ratio is 22 to 1 and assumes that to advocate this is to advocate bimetallism. If gold and silver would not circulate concurrently in the past when the commercial ratio between the two metals was only a few cents in the amount in the dollar of gold the dollar of gold surely two dollars having a disparity of value of 47 cents would not circulate concurrently. It would simply result in silver monometallism. There is no need of looking for further proof of this than the fact that pending the election, in fear of Bryan's election gold was hoarded and went out of circulation and as soon as he was defeated it was brought from its hiding place and put into circulation.

When Bryan speaks of fighting the battle for bimetallism he slapsly talks nonsense that will not for any considerable time interest the American people. They have learned many things during the campaign and had the election been postponed for six months and the campaign been pushed with vigor through that period Mr. Bryan's defeat would have been much more pronounced. In 1900 instead of Bryan being a candidate for president unless he is the nominee of the Populists he will not be able to secure a seat in the convention as a "bimetallist" of the order he now stands for.

## Courage In Politics.

Globe-Democrat: As the later returns show somewhat narrower margins for the Republicans in a few of the states than the earlier figures promised, the advantage which their courageous utterance in the St. Louis convention on the money question gave them in the canvass becomes more and more apparent. It is well known, of course, that some of the Republican leaders along to the convention's opening day, favored a straddle on the silver issue something like that of 1892, and some prominent Republican papers advocated this course. There was particular opposition among them to the

insertion of the word "gold standard" in the platform. They wanted "sound money," the "best money in the world," or some other circumlocution which could mean anything or nothing, but they objected to the word gold, which would mean just one thing, and could not be made to mean anything else.

If the straddle had taken place the silver Republicans would still have succeeded in the St. Louis convention, while the Indianapolis ticket would undoubtedly have polled 500,000 or 600,000 more votes than it did. The Chicago convention would have declared for free coinage even if the St. Louis convention had dodged the issue. Nobody doubts this. The Republicans would have lost the silver element of their party, for the Teller men's ultimatum in the St. Louis assembly was an out-and-out free coinage plank, or else they would bolt. Under a straddle the Republicans would have obtained a very few Democratic votes. Without the Democratic vote the Republicans could not have carried Kentucky, and probably not Indiana or Maryland.

The Republicans would have elected McKinley without the Democratic vote. It is safe to say, but their majority in the electoral college would have been small, while that magnificent and impressive plurality of 1,000,000 or 1,100,000 in the popular vote would have dwindled down to small figures. Palmer would have received a far larger vote than he has obtained, while some of the gold Democrats, in the absence of a chance to make a square fight on the silver question, would have drifted back to Bryan before the election. The "Globe-Democrat" for months before the St. Louis Convention condemned the projected repetition of the shuffle of 1892, and insisted that there should be square declaration in favor of the maintenance of the gold standard. The Chicago "Tribune," the Chicago "Times-Herald," the New York "Commercial Advertiser," and a few other conspicuous Republican papers took the same side. Many prominent Republican journals, however, and, strange to say, more of them in the East than in the West, were shy of the word gold, even though State Conventions in many states had declared in favor of it, until after the National Convention put it in its platform.

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John Sarsfield, who is charged with striking Martha Johnson with a horseshoe in a fight at Peoria, has been placed under bonds of \$1000. Johnson is said to be in a critical condition.

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The Jacksonville deanery was in session last week at Pekin. Dean H. W. Cunningham of Elkhardt presided. Matters relating to the Episcopal church were discussed.

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C. V. and Charles LaBarre, two young men of Mason City, who are accused of stealing hides worth \$30, were captured on the Sangamon river near Springfield.

Dr. L. Kittinger, a lewauig physician of Wilmington, Del., asked the proprietor of Brazilian Balm to send him a dollar bottle. A few weeks afterwards the doctor said: "I had a couple of cases of old cough on hand that completely baffled me. I had got to the end of my string. But the Balm made a prompt cure in both cases. It is a remarkable remedy."

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A home talent minstrel company has been formed at Lincoln which will give one performance for sweet charity's sake.

## UNCLE EPHRAIM'S SORROW.

It Came On When He Found He Had a Bloomer Girl in His Own Family.

Uncle Ephram was at the white heat of rage. He stood on the corner of Broad and Marietta streets and it was something more than impatience that caused him to toss his hoary head petulantly, and snort like a porpoise in a choppy sea. It was not difficult to observe that there was something of more than usual import weighing upon his mind, as he was inclined to disregard any questions put to him by several white friends who gathered about; but his plaint was heavy and the spirit of the old man sorely grieved.

"I ain't gwine to do it," he said, wagging his head from side to side. "I ain't gwine to do it, an' dat ain't all. I low she'll git dem kernishus noshuns outen dat big head er hern 'fo I gits dun wid her. Dat's what."

"What's the trouble, Ephram?" asked some one, who had just stepped up. "Dat gal er mine; dat's what I am, dat same new-fangled, butt-headed, out-dacious gal er mine; dat's what it am."

"What's the matter with her, Ephram?"

"Dat's what I say, an' dat's what I wants to know—what's de matter wid her, an' ef you kin sot yer head to find dat out I won't ax no mo'."

The old man stopped, gave a sudden snort, and looked indifferently across the street.

"All at once he broke out again: 'I ax dis question,' he said, 'what an de gals er dis day comin' to, kase I don't know, an' it takes a heap er studyin' in de feshianary to keep up wid dese women folks.'

"I ain't got much book sense, kase dey didn't hab none er dese here nigger colliges an' sich lew in my day; but I low dis, dat skule larnin' ain't gwine do fer gals, kase it makes 'em worsen er mule colt in de green pasture."

"Dat's dat gal er mine what Jed'ge Andy tink an' sent to de stockade, an' den she up an' ax me ef I ain't gwine pay dat fin'. No, sah, I ain't gwine do it. 'Twill she take out some er dem monkey noshuns what she got out dar at de skule and endurle' er de exposishun. She gits out dar, she did, wid all dem b-headed niggers what talk er bout dis, an' talk er bout dat 'twill dey don't know what side dey 'spitin' on. I ax her what de matter, an' why de name er Gord she come princed' round wid her head bisted lue she got one er dese here nace horse bits under her chin."

"Den she switch round sam' an' er cow what got a wolf on her back, an' she say: 'Pa, Ise er member er de Sussie ty f' de Elvashun er de Kulud Gineashun.'

"Dat's what she say, an' I low I elevate you wider lightood knot ef you sling sich stuff and outen dat big mouf eryoun. An' dat ain't all; here she come er trottin' an' er switchin' an' she say, she do: 'Pa, Ise gwine ter ride er wile I'."

"What dat gal eber knows anything 'bout gittin' on one er dese tandin' s'er what-you-calleem, I ain't hearn tell. I ut, boss, dar she wuz. Yassin', sah, she wuz all done rigged up worsen er ripe walker on circus day, an' I'll be god darned ef she didn't come out wid patits, lue de men hab, leppin' dey wuz lug at der bottom lue er balloon."

"I say: 'Nanne er Gord, nigger gal, what dat?'"

"Den she cackle same ez er settin' hen: 'Lordy, pa, she say, 'dese am bloomers what Ladies wear ridin' down Leuchtree. All de folks what keep up wid dem times hab bloomers.'

"'Bloomers,' sez I—I'll make you bloom lue er mornin' glory in de sunshine 'fo I gits fra'."

"But it was jes lue keepin' de sow in de pen ez to hol' dat gal when she gits dem' pants."

"It wuz yistiddy when dey katched her. I hearn de parlice jist now tell 'bout how come it. Dey say she cum er skeedaldidin' down Yallhammer jes' lue de 'lectric car. Dey tells de judge how 'twuz she wuz er scorchin'."

"Jed'ge,' sez I, 'I ain't ax you ter turn dat gal loose, but what I ax is, jes' turn me loose in de sun' room wid her, an' ef I don't make her scorch den you kin pass de judgement on me, too."

"I ain't enquire fer nuffin' mo' er ter git dis' side dat butt-head er hern. But Jed'ge Andy he sorter luf to hisself lue, an' he pay five dollars an' go ter de stockade."

"Den she 'gin ter cry an' she luk at me outen her eyes an' she say, she does: 'Pa, please pay me out dis time an' I don't do lue dat no mo'."

"Mon, it wuz all I could do to hol' myself off er her. I ain't sayin' nuffin, but I thinks pow'ful lous. No, sah, I ain't gwine pay it. I ain't gwine do it."

The old man stopped, snorted again and hobbled toward the Westview car, which was approaching.

"Dat's what I say 'bout dese here new-fangled folks," he said, "dey's worsen mule colts in er green pasture."—Atlanta Constitution.

## His Answer.

The new woman orator waxed eloquent. "And what," she demanded, as she came to the climax, "is to be the result of our emancipation?"

She looked around with the calm assurance of one who had asked a poser, and this was too much for the little man who was waiting for his wife in a far corner of the ball.

"I know," he shouted. "Ah," returned the new woman on the platform scornfully, "the little man with the bald head thinks he has solved the problem that we came here to discuss this afternoon. We will gladly give our attention while he tells us what is to be the result."

"Cold dinners and ragged children," roared the little man.—Chicago Post.

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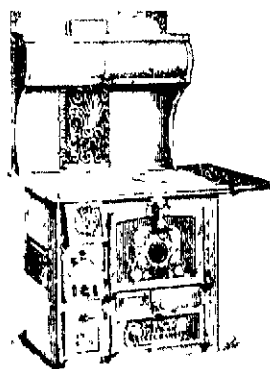
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Smoke the Little J., a fine hand made, Sumatra wrapper—5 cent cigar

Hot water bottles at reduced prices at West's drug store

The Illinois Central ticket office has moved from the Library block to 121 East William street—10 d1w

Mamma calls a Cascarot, baby gets the benefit. Cascarots make mother's milk mildly purgative.

Robert McDowell, who resides near Delavan, shot a white polian recently, which he has had mounted.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Cochran is ill at the family residence on East Colorado street.

Little Diana cigar; business men's ideal smoke; 5 for 10 cents, 100 for \$1.50. L. Chodak's News House.—14 d1w

The uptown office of the Decatur Coal company is at Armstrong Bros.' drug store corner of North Main and William streets. Telephone 152—oct 8-d1w

Just before going to bed eat a Cascarot candy. Makes you feel fine in the morning.

Frank Coburn, son of Sheriff Coburn, of Taylorville, is dangerously ill at Pana. He is down with lung fever.

Gents, have your winter suit or overcoat dyed, cleaned or repaired at Miller's Steam Dye House, 145 North Main street.

The awnings have been put up on the Water Street side of the Powers' new block. They will be operated by an endless chain and crank.

Will save you money on School Shoes at 229 North Water street.

PHILIPPI,

F. L. Stevenson, Assignee.

Oct. 5 d1w

Five hundred boxes, high grade paper and envelopes, from the Pichinger bankruptcy stock, now on sale at half price at West's drug store

The next party for St. John's church choir will be given at the home of Mrs. Rainey on West Wood street on Thursday evening, Nov. 19. A fine musical program is being arranged for the affair.

300 pairs of Ladies' Shoes, former price \$2.50 to \$3.50, at \$1.75, at PHILIPPI'S, 229 N. Water

F. L. Stevenson, Assignee.

Oct. 5 d1w

Two expert decorators have been secured to make the display of goods at Linn & Scruggs new store. There are seven windows to be kept looking stylish and up-to-date.

While at Champaign Miss Marie Leon and organized the Gaiety dance club and dances will be given throughout the winter. A class for children will also be organized.

These new cases of diphtheria have been reported to the board of health. At L. Ottenheimer's, 510 South Jackson street, Wm. Stone, 225 East Onondaga street, Ned, son of Harry Wheeler, at 1008 West Wood street.

Rev. J. A. Weller, D. D., Ph. D., pastor of the U. B. church of Springfield, Ill., will deliver his lecture, "The Man of the West," at the U. B. church corner of North Broadway and Eldorado street this evening. Dr. Weller was in the educational work in Iowa and Kansas for about fifteen years and hence is fully conversant with western life. He deserves a good hearing.

The Illinois Central has issued a statement showing that the excess of receipts from traffic over operating expenses and taxes for the three months ended September 30 were \$1,390,706, a decrease of \$123,362 from the net earnings of the same period last year. The gross receipts of the road from traffic for the month of October were \$2,240,767, an estimated decrease of \$110,675 from the month of October last year.

On a quarter section of land near Kan kakee an enterprising firm is about to establish a colony of 1000 black cats and 5000 rats with which to feed the cats. It is estimated that cats will increase 15,000 in two years. The black cat skins are worth \$1 each. The rats will multiply five times as fast as the cats. The rats will be used to feed the cats, and the skinned cats to feed the rats.

Beardsdale.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Tilton spent Sunday with A. J. Weltner and family.

Miss Berdie Baker died at her home near Boody aged 17 years. Burial at Boiling Springs cemetery Saturday last.

Mrs. C. Cloyd, of Decatur visited at Mr. Pharis' last Wednesday.

Miss Anne Butt of Decatur, is visiting at her brother's, A. E. Butt, this week.

**THE EDWARD STREET CHURCH.**

Members of the Disciples of Christ Estab-lish a New Society.

Many of the old members of the First Christian church of Decatur recently dissolved, met last night at the old church on Edward street and after the prayer meeting took action forming the Edward street Christian church. The meeting was called to order by Thomas A. Pritchett and Judge Hammer was elected chairman, John E. Patterson secretary.

J. F. Howell, F. P. Howard and Elmer R. Culver were elected trustees of the new society.

Resolutions were adopted as follows:

"That said trustees when elected shall not be regarded as having any other powers or sustaining any other relation to said church than those contemplated by the statute of the state of Illinois, in such cases made and provided."

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"That the said trustees shall hold their office until their successors shall be elected by the congregation at its pleasure. The official office of deacons and elders ought to be separated and independent and we deprecate as dangerous to a church or organization the modern innovation known as 'official board,' of which the pastor is regarded as a part and in which elder and deacons and the pastor are contained as one body, each having his power by vote."

The society has a list of 350 persons, nearly all of whom will become members of the new church. The society is to be incorporated under the state laws. John Klett is the pastor.

**Paid in Election Wager.**

Mrs. Helen Colladay, wife of Mayor W. E. Colladay, did not take an active part in the late election, but being of Democratic antecedents she clung to the Bryan faith and believed that free coinage of silver at 16 to 1, unlimited, would be just right.

Mrs. Colladay was of a party of Decatur ladies who visited the Holmes farm house near Hartstown before the election. All of the party were gold standard adherents except Mrs. Colladay. There was a discussion of course, and the hounding ended in Mrs. Colladay promising to let all come to her home for a dinner in case Bryan was defeated. All came with edible baskets. The decorations were elaborate for the 16 to 1 affair. There were flags and yellow ribbons in profusion and the picture of McKinley was prominently displayed while the picture of Bryan was turned to the wall. The company included Mesdames O. B. Gerin, W. R. Abbott, Cass Chenoweth, Alex. Montgomery, W. G. Armstrong, B. H. Blackstone, D. A. Madill, W. W. Mason, C. G. Martin, E. W. Wood, Bob's, D. R. Piper and Holmes of Hartstown, Miss Glor and Miss Jane McClelland.

**National W. C. T. U. Convention.**

The national W. C. T. U. convention convenes in St. Louis Nov. 13 to 18, inclusive. To St. Louis people are spending no pains to make it a magnificent affair. The Central Passenger association has granted one fare for the round trip, as well as the Illinois Central, Vanderbilt and other roads. Temple Israel quartette, Christ church supplied choir, Harrington hall ringers, Ransom Post quartette, quartet of colored people and numerous soloists will sing. Miss Frances E. Willard, Lady Henry Somerset and Mrs. Mary Hunt, all famous for national temperance work, will be there. Miss Willard and Miss Gordon arrived in New York last Saturday by steamship St. Paul and started at once for St. Louis. There will be no admission fee. Two thousand five hundred good seats will be free. Seven hundred and fifty of the best seats reserved, to be sold at \$1 each for the entire convention. Those who are not members of the W. C. T. U. are urged to attend and see these grand women of the world gathered together in the interest of temperance.

**The Death Record.**

Henry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Plummer, died at 730 last night, at the home of his parents, 526 South Webster street, of typhoid fever. He was 18 years and 7 months old. The young man has been sick several weeks. He was known to many of our citizens as he helped his father in the grocery business on South Main street.

The funeral will take place from the German Lutheran church at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon.

Charles, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Crawford, died Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 11, at the family residence in Blue Mound. He was 6 years old. Mrs. Crawford, the boy's mother, is a sister of Deputy Sheriff Frank Taylor. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor went to Blue Mound last night to be present at the funeral.

Allen Snyder, son of J. H. Snyder and wife, died at the family home, 527 North Jackson street, at 8 o'clock last night of whooping cough, aged 8 months.

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**Married at St. Louis.**  
James T. Wells, of Springfield, and Miss Clara Chapman, of Niantic, were married at St. Louis on Wednesday.

**The Hook and Ladder Truck.**  
The new hook and ladder truck which the Wayne company is building for the city will be finished about the first of December. It will be one of the finest pieces of fire apparatus in the possession of the city.

**Will Move soon.**

The Linn & Scruggs Dry Goods and Carpet Company expect to move soon into their new quarters in the Powers building. The rooms are being finished and the furnishings are being put in place. The store will be one of the most handsomely appointed in this part of the state.

**Will Be a Candidate.**

It is understood that John A. Reeve, of this city, will be a candidate for the office of reading clerk of the state legislature. Mr. Reeve has held that position several times before and his chances for again securing the office are said to be favorable.

**Souvenirs Issued.**

Secretary N. W. Woodford, of the Y. M. C. A., has issued a souvenir pamphlet, which gives details as to the work of the association. A large number of the books have been published and sent to persons in this and adjoining cities. The association is now in a thriving condition and the membership numbers over 300.

**Reception This Evening.**

Arthur C. Race and his bride, who were married yesterday at Jacksonville, arrived in the city today. This evening a large reception will be given in their honor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Race at the corner of North Water and North streets. The entertainment will be one of the important social events of the season.

**The Opera.**

A large and well pleased audience was at the Grand last night to witness the presentation of the romantic comic opera "Rob Roy" by the Whitney company. It was a musical treat with excellent orchestration. The costumes were varied and elaborate while the scenery was all fresh and appropriate. The principals with one exception, were all good.

**Y. M. C. A. Meeting.**

The members of the Y. M. C. A. will hold a meeting this evening at the First Methodist church. E. K. Pennington will deliver address on the subject, "The Worker's Example." Last evening the members of the association attended the prayer meetings instead of holding a special service. The week of prayer exercises will close tomorrow evening.

**W. J. C. Sale.**

The Woman's Relief Corps have been busy during the summer and autumn completing useful and money articles for a fair and sale which they will hold at Grand Army hall Friday evening, Nov. 20. Delicious luncheon will be served in glancing at 5 o'clock and continuing through the evening. The ladies of the Relief Corps respectfully solicit the patronage of the public to help them in the worthy cause for which they work and in return promise them an evening of entertainment and novel attractions.

**On to Bloomington.**

Commander W. G. Cochran, of the Illinois department, Grand Army of the Republic and W. E. Callahan, member of the G. A. R. committee for the Home, left for Normal and Bloomington this forenoon to be present at the dedication of the gymnasium addition to the Soldiers' Orphans' Home at Normal. It is a large addition for the benefit and comfort of the children of deceased soldiers and it has long been needed. A large number of veterans will be present at the ceremonies.

**A Bachelor's Romance.**

This is the title of the now comedy Mr. Sol Smith Russell will produce at the opera house next Monday evening. In this play Mr. Russell has added fresh laurels to his already great reputation. In Mr. Russell's work one is treated to originality that is not surpassed by anyone else. His methods are distinctly his own. In all his work his naturalness is striking and artistic. He and his plays are always a success. It will appear difficult to give Mr. Russell more praise than has been his previous due, but "A Bachelor's Romance" is said to contain the ripe intelligence of one whose stage work has been a revelation, the humor that is infectious, the pathos that melts eyes not prone to weep and all because each word, each action is real.

**On the Bowery.**

Undoubtedly the most popular attraction that has been seen in recent years is that highly sensational portrayal of East Side life in New York called, "On the Bowery," which will appear at the Grand Saturday, Nov. 14, the play in which Steve Brodie is one of the leading personages. The power of this piece to entertain an audience in the greatest degree has been fully demonstrated. The thrills and the laughs are almost evenly distributed, the laughs slightly overbalancing the thrills. The saloon scene, the Chatham Square scene and other parts of the play's comedy of the liveliest type, while a sensationalism it would be hard to excel Brodie's jump from the Brooklyn bridge, the rescue from the flames, the escape from the police, and other incidents of the main plot of the piece. The scenery has the merit of novelty as well as that of beauty. Entirely new specialities have been introduced this season.

**Hon. W. G. Cochran for Speaker.**  
The contest for the speakership of the next session of the Illinois legislature is now on, and there seems to be several Richmonds in the field. As the Republican looks at it, the only logical candidate is the Hon. W. G. Cochran, of Sullivan, commander Illinois Department, G. A. R., re-elected by a handsome majority from the Forty-first senatorial district, which includes the county of Macon, the only Republican county in the Seventeenth district, which gave a Republican plurality of 1387 which not only re-elected Mayor Connolly for congress but also saved the day for the two Republican legislative candidates against the Populists in the counties of Mendotte and Christian. Mr. Cochran has held the position of speaker of the house, performing the duties impartially and demonstrating his knowledge of parliamentary law and ability to govern a large body of men in a manner creditable alike to himself and to the state. He has hosts of friends, political and personal, throughout the state. He is now in the contest to win. His opponents will find him courteous and honorable, but all the time aggressive.

**Why Bryanism Was Beaten.**

St. Louis Globe-Democrat.—It was beaten in the first place because it would swallow 650,000 pensioners, 1,800,000 holders of building and loan association stock, 3,600,000 members of mutual assessment and cooperative societies, 5,000,000 of savings bank depositors and 7,000,000 holders of life insurance policies of various sorts out of half of their holdings. This swindle would involve several billions of dollars, and would be brought about through the collapse of 50 cent dollars. This collapse would benefit nobody except the silver mine owners for a short time by the slight temporary advance in silver prices which the opening of the mints would make, the speculators would gamble in gold, and the dishonest debtors who would hand their creditors clipped dollars in place of the full dollars which they borrowed.

It was beaten because it threatened either the independence or the existence of the supreme court, thus destroying the balance between the different branches of the government, the legislative, the executive and judiciary, which has been an important source of strength to our political system and the admiration of students of politics throughout the world. It was beaten because in its platform condemnation of "arbitrary interference by federal authorities in local affairs," it attacked President Cleveland for protecting the United States property in Chicago, preventing the obstruction of the mails and suppressing the Dibs rebellion. It thus justified lawlessness, resistance to all authority, anarchy.

**The Cook Case.**

Clinton Public State's Attorney Fulford was in Havana Tuesday. He is an attorney in the case of the people vs. Eddie Cook, Cook, who lives at Waynesville, is charged with the death of Minnie Bennett, formerly of Macon, and was convicted in Logan county. He succeeded in securing a new trial and change of venue to Macon county. This case will be heard in Havana before Judge Lucy on February 18, 1897. Mr. Fulford is sanguine of conviction. There will probably be several more lawyers in the case at its next hearing. Cook is out under \$5000 bail.

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On last Friday Grant W. Althaus, a farmer and dairyman, who lived north of Danville, drove in front of a train at Vermilion street in that city. In the collision he received injuries which proved fatal.

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## WATSON'S LETTER.

What the Southern Statesman Has to Say About Democrats.

## CLAIMS THEY STOLE POP THUNDER.

Reiterates That Sewall Was the Wart on the Bryan Presidential Log Tom's Pointed Conclusions.

Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 11.—Thomas E. Watson's letter accepting the vice presidential nomination of the people's party has at last been given to the public. It was written on October 4 last to Senator Marion Butler, chairman of the notification committee and manager of the populist campaign. It was suppressed by Senator Butler during the campaign for reasons that are obvious from a perusal of its contents.

The document would make seven columns in a newspaper. Mr. Watson will publish his letter in full in his official organ, the People's Party Paper, which comes out tomorrow. Below are some extracts:

"Hon. Marion Butler, Chairman ex-officio for notification committee: Dear Sir: Your letter giving me formal notice of my nomination by the people's party for the office of vice president has been received. It is solely because of my promise to do so that I accept the nomination. The unusual conditions confronting us must be my excuse for submitting to the public a fair statement of the facts touching this remarkable campaign, in order that all prejudiced minds may reach just conclusions.

"As the time for beginning the presidential campaign of 1896 approached the democratic party found itself in a dying condition and it resorted to a desperate remedy to save itself from dissolution. It publicly renounced the republican policies which it has already enacted into law and endorsed the populist creed which it had bitterly assailed. Having closed the doors of the minds to silver, having sustained Mr. Cleveland in his refusal to allow the silver-dollar to be coined, having condoned his issue of bonds in violation of law, having acquiesced in his contraction policy of destroying the greenbacks, having helped to feed the trusts by the passage of the Wilson-Gorman-Jones tariff bill, the democratic party realized that it had lost the respect, the confidence and the patience of the people, determined to anticipate the triumph of populism by a public confession of political guilt, an earnest assertion of change of heart and a devout acceptance of populist principles and a modern demand that the people party should vacate its quarters and surrender its political possessions.

"A very staggering piece of political impudence was this. It was not a minority of the democratic party which murdered silver in 1893. It was a majority that did it, a majority in the house, a majority in the senate. And the men who committed the deed cannot now promise to do solemnly to undo their work that they promised in 1892 to do it.

"During the dreary years of 1892, '93, '94 and '95, when republicans and democrats alike were falling over each other to the effect to be that at Wall street's feet and lowest in the dust of political self-basement to the trusts the national banks, the railroads, the bondholders and the gold speculators, the people's party was the one champion of the people. It stood fearlessly against the hungry hordes of class legislation. It proclaimed constantly its unflinching antagonism to Wall street and its policies.

"At Chicago the democratic managers having adopted the leading populist principles nominated for the first place on the ticket a candidate who endorses those principles.

"Mr. Watson recites the fight in the populist convention at St. Louis between the Bryan populists and the middle of the road men. He proceeds:

"I was asked to allow the use of my name to harmonize all the differences which existed in the convention and consented upon that express condition.

"There is no doubt that among the voters of the democratic party, south and west there was an earnest desire that populists should be met half way. They wished for union among the advocates of silver and they felt that union could not be accomplished by denouncing any abject surrender at the hands of the populists.

"Instead of meeting the populists half way, the democratic managers have demanded that we furnish all the patriotism which the occasion requires; and they not only refuse to make any concessions at all, but they treat with public insult the party whose votes are necessary to democratic success.

"By listening to the overtures of democratic managers our party has been torn into two factions. The labor of many years has been swept away and the hopes of thousands of good people have gone with it. The democratic national committee not only claim the populist vote for Mr. Bryan, who is our nominee, but they claim it also for Mr. Sewall, who is not our nominee and who was overwhelmingly rejected when offered to the St. Louis convention.

"We are told that we must not say anything against Mr. Sewall. We must not explain to the people wherein he is an objectionable candidate, and we must not mention the fact that he is a national banker, a bondholder, a railroad magnate, a corporation millionaire, an enemy to organized labor, a beneficiary of trusts, a seeker after subsidies of the merchant marine and a recipient of the McKinley bribery.

"These must be kept from the people, I am told. Why? Haven't the voters a right to know for whom they are voting? Both Kansas and Colorado are populist states and get the populist vice presidential nominee is not to receive a single electoral vote in either state.

"A reform party has no right to exist if it has no valid complaint to make. Populists can not denounce the sins of the two old parties and yet go into political cooperation with them. The moment we make the treaty the war must cease.

"And when we cease our war upon the two old parties, we have no longer any excuse for living. Whenever right comes to be wrong, it is the right which suffers.

"The democratic managers seem to regard as a strange piece of impertinence the fact that the populists dared to nominate a ticket differing at the rear end from theirs.

"Thus the populists in Kansas and Colorado have been disfranchised. Worse than that—they have been delivered to a faction where none of their votes count for the populist ticket. They must vote for Sewall and thus violate their principles.

"In North Carolina, where fusion had been arranged with the republicans on the state and county ticket and with democrats on the national ticket Mr. Sewall gets a majority of the electors.

"North Carolina is supposed to be a populist state; upon that idea she was allowed ninety-five votes in our national convention. The fact that in North Carolina we have now conceded a majority of the electors to Mr. Sewall would indicate that our vote in North Carolina has undergone a disastrous shrinkage since our national convention adjourned, or that the national ticket has been used for mercantile purposes.

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"Coming to them with two million votes they were bargaining for and pitifully negotiating, I can say, with a perfect assurance of telling the unqualified truth that my arrival on the 6th of butte has not been welcomed as heartily as Blucher was received by Wellington at Waterloo. They need Blucher's troops, but they draw the line at Blucher. That is hardly fair either to Blucher or his troops, nor is it the best way to defeat Napoleon.

"For this attitude upon the part of the democratic managers I believe that you, sears, are largely responsible.

"You made no effort to have me recognized. You publicly stated that I would not be notified of my nomination. You went into the fusion policy, over my written protest with all the zeal of a man who wanted to elect the democratic ticket.

"In this I think you were wrong. An chairman of the populist committee, the party certainly expected you to do all you could to elect the populist ticket.

"Had you demanded Mr. Sewall's withdrawal from the ticket he would have withdrawn. I have a letter of yours in which you state that the democratic committee expected you to make the demand, but you did not make it. From the perversity of temper with which the democratic managers have refused to do the right thing by the populists, it would seem that they prefer McKinley to anything which might seem to be partly a populist triumph. This subtle purpose is to couple Bryan's election with the complete destruction of the people's party.

"The St. Louis compromise ticket should have been insisted upon for two reasons: First, because Mr. Bryan cannot be otherwise elected; second, because the triumph of silver cannot be otherwise secured.

"The position taken in this letter will be bitterly assailed. But if I were lacking in the loyalty which was expected of me when chosen I would grieve the men who have honored me, trusted me, defended me and loved me.

"I did not seek this nomination, nor desire it. It was out of a heartfelt desire to help unite all the reform forces and at the same time to save my party and the principles from wreck that I agreed to accept second place on the compromise ticket. I stood ready to join hands with Mr. Bryan and to aid in harmonizing populists and silver democrats and in uniting south and west to the end that we might achieve a victory against McKinley and Mr. McKinley fusion with Bryan meant no sacrifice of principles, faith with Sewall does.

"No one rose in more profoundly than I do that the democratic managers have so shaped the campaign that the south had again been told that she was not to grow in the dust and let an eastern plutocrat put his foot upon her neck.

"Not does any one regret more than I do that the democratic managers in shaping their fusion deals have considered these populists only who were getting leaves and flax.

"They have lost sight of the great assembly of the privates whose honest hearts and sincere souls form the strength of the reformation Mr. Bryan needs. The populists of the rank and file have the spirit of crusaders and they would die for a principle more quickly than they would sell it. These men will not vote for Sewall nor for any man who will sell.

"If Senators Jones and Gorman really wish to defeat McKinley let them lose no time in realizing this truth: You are, etc. Thomas E. Watson. Thompson, Ga., Oct. 14, 1896.

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## BRISTLES WITH FORTS.

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Few places lend themselves so readily to the purposes of defense as the narrow straits that separate the Sea of Marmora from the Egean and are known as the Dardanelles.

On either side of the narrow waterway nature seems to have conspired to render difficult the passage of the invader. Nor has man been backward in assisting her designs. By the erection of works of defense along both shores he has endeavored to improve by art the natural capabilities of the place.

The first signs of fortifications that meet the eye on entering the channel are the twin forts of Soud-el-Bahr and Koum-Kaleh, on the European and Asian coasts, respectively, guarding the entrance of the passage, which here is about five miles broad. The old forts and these points are stone buildings, very much out of date now and containing some ten or twelve Paixhan guns. New batteries have been erected near the old ones and mount ten Krupp guns on the Asian and four Krupp guns of 28 centimeters on the European shore.

This point passed, the channel widens considerably before narrowing to its least width, opposite the town of Chanak-Kaleh, otherwise known as the Dardanelles, from which the strait takes its name. This is the key to the whole passage.

Here lie the chief works of defense on either coast, which, by their mutual defense, if properly manned, would render a successful passage by a fleet almost impossible. On the right, or Asian side, rise the works of Chanak-Kaleh, consisting of a main redan, mounting at least one Krupp gun of 35 centimeters and an earthwork also armed with Krupps. Close to these modern works is an old stone castle possessing nine bronze guns, which, with their stone shot, are now more curious than effective. In the town itself, which is built on a flat point and enjoys a considerable trade in wine and pottery, are some large military magazines and a military hospital.

On the opposite coast is the old fort of Kilit Bahr, at the foot of a steep hill, its towers overlooked by the new fort, built on higher ground and known by the name of Fort Namazieh, a recent work, and one of the greatest importance, both from its position and its armament, which consists of 24 Krupp guns of various calibers, the whole work being supported by three batteries, each mounting four guns.

It is difficult to imagine any place more admirably suited for defense than this exceedingly narrow part of the channel, commanded as it is by works armed with modern weapons, and to which an additional advantage is given by a turn in the channel which obliges advancing vessels to slacken speed when just opposite the forts. And, once beyond this dangerous spot, the coast does not necessarily await the coming ship, which still finds many forts, old and new, ready to open fire on it from either shore.

On the European side are the Forts of Deirmen-Houroun and Tekim-Houroun, the former new, the latter old, but with a newly-erected earthwork in its vicinity; while further on lie Forts Maties and Bokhali-Kaleh and a battery at Kilia Tepe, all modern or modernized and mounting modern guns.

On the Asian Shore beyond Fort Chanak-Kaleh is Modjilich Fort, with 16 Krupp guns, and this is succeeded by Fort Kinsch Kaleh, an old stonework, and then by the Nagura group, consisting of an old fort with 37 guns, a new earthwork with 11 Krupps, and two new redoubts commanding the whole, and each mounting eight guns.

This exhausts the list of batteries, and it must be confessed that the array of works is a formidable one, and the muzzles of no less than 67 Krupp guns on one side and 43 on the other, all bearing on the channel, render its successful passage enormously difficult.

Along each shore a good road connects the works, which are further united by a telegraph line. There is, however, one weak spot in the defense of the Dardanelles, which is the exposure to attack from the rear of the forts on the European side. An army covered by a sufficient fleet might, without much difficulty, land on the coast of the peninsula, either in the Gulf of Saros or on the coast opposite the lake of Imboe. Once established on the peninsula it would be an easy task to seize the earthworks on the European shore of the Dardanelles, the gorges of which are, as a rule, open, and offer little resistance to attack from the rear.

With these commanding forts in his hands, an enemy could subdue those on the opposite coast sufficiently to cover the passage of his fleet. To prevent this a larger garrison and some good works are required in the peninsula, but here, it is believed, want of money stands in the way.—Boston Globe.

The Coffee-Eating Habit. The coffee-eating habit is on the increase, and it is probably the worst that can be found, says a well-known physician. Coffee when boiled and taken as a beverage is not only unwholesome, but beneficial unless taken in very large quantities, but when eaten as roasted is productive of a train of ills that finally result in complete mental and physical prostration. I have had a number of cases of the kind, and they are as difficult to cure as those arising from the opium habit. The trouble is more prevalent among young girls than any one else. They eat parched coffee without any definite object, just as they eat soapstone slate pencils, with much more disastrous results. The coffee eater becomes weak and emaciated, the complexion is muddy and sallow, the appetite poor, digestion ruined and nerves all unstrung. Coffee will give a few minutes of exhilaration, followed with great weakness. The victims nearly die when deprived of the accustomed stimulant.—Washington Star.

The dandelion was once written Dent-dellon, the lion's tooth.

Not His Knife. Pope—Come, come, Willie, don't you know that it's very bad manners to eat with your knife? When I was a little boy I didn't do that.

Willie—No, Gran'ma says you used to take your fingers.—Buffalo Times.

## FOREIGN GOSSIP.

—Adelina Patti has received the freedom of the town of Brecon in Wales, in return for her benefactions to her neighbors.

—A plunge of seventy feet three inches was made recently at the Boodle Baths by Maj. W. Taylor; this beats the previous British record by five feet.

—Sublimity is to be made the center of Italy's defense in the Mediterranean; parliament will vote the money. Porto Torres is to be turned into a great military post, while strategic lines of railroads will be built over the whole island.

—A list of private libraries in the world, with a description of their contents, is about to be published in Leipzig. The first part describes over 500 libraries in the United States and Canada; the second part will take up the private libraries of Great Britain.

—A Churchman's Liberation League, composed of clergymen and laymen, has been formed in London to promote the separation of church and state in England by means of disestablishment, on the ground that the connection "has become injurious to the spiritual interests of the church and a hindrance to the progress of true religion."

—Axim, on the African gold coast, must have a very large population. The natives have the present custom of putting to death the tenth child in every family. The local authorities assert that thousands of children are destroyed on account of this superstitious practice, but that the influence of the fetish priests is so great that only stringent legislation can stop the slaughter.

## UNCLE SAM'S DOCUMENTS.

Tales of Heroism and Daring Buried in a Government Report.

Public documents, as a general thing, are rather a neglected form of literature and seldom read by any except the seeker after information. The public at large has an idea that the reports of the various government bureaus are a mass of facts, cold and dry. This is true to a certain extent; yet some very interesting reading is turned out by Uncle Sam's printing shop, says a Washington letter. Mr. Maxwell, the fourth assistant postmaster general, in his annual report this year almost touches upon the novelistic. His accounts of the pursuit and capture of train robbers and other depredations upon the United States mails would do credit to a writer for one of the New York weekly sensational sheets. One of the most important and probably most neglected publications of the government, however, is the annual report of the operations of the United States life-saving service. The report of 1895 has recently been issued, and tells of deeds of daring that in any other sort of publication would be classed as good fiction. It is probable that this interesting document will be read by but few people outside of those immediately connected with the life-saving service and those to whom assistance was rendered. During the year 1895 251 life-saving stations were maintained, the greater number located along the Atlantic coast line. There are a number of stations on the great lakes, and one on a river—that at the falls of the Ohio near Louisville.

There were 675 disasters reported during the year 1895, involving property valued at over \$100,000,000. Nearly nine-tenths of this was saved by the life-saving service, with the assistance of salvage companies and wrecking tugs. There were 5,221 lives threatened by these disasters, and but 26 were lost. Out of the 675 vessels that were in jeopardy but 73 were totally destroyed. The New Jersey coast proved to be most dangerous, as it has in the past. This coast is guarded by 19 stations, and while 1,000 persons were on board vessels, but one life was lost, and out of the \$200,000 worth of property in peril, considerably less than \$100,000 worth was lost. This does not take into account the vessels and lives saved by the warlike services of the patrolmen.

It is estimated that several hundred vessels were warned from perilous positions by light and other signals.

The report states that the average annual loss of life by disasters at sea from 1877 to 1895, inclusive, has been one out of every 107 persons on board the vessels in danger, and the average loss of property 22 per cent. of the amount involved.

The life-saving service has been in operation for about 25 years, and during this period the number of disasters on the coast of the United States has been 3,302, involving property valued at \$13,641,974. The estimated value of the property lost was \$4,291,927. There were 67,229 lives in jeopardy and but 750 were lost. This service cost the United States during the year 1895 \$1,285,577, an infinitesimal amount when the service rendered is taken into consideration. St. Louis Republic.

What the Kaiser Eats. Some curious details are published about the meals of the German emperor. William II. is the first king of Prussia who ever visited his kitchen. At ordinary times the imperial family has three meals a day. The emperor prefers substantial dishes. For his breakfast he has coffee, tea, eggs, beef-steaks, and real or mutton cutlets; for lunch he has soup, different kinds of meat with vegetables, and roasts and sweets. The emperor and empress like to have guests almost regularly to lunch. Dinner takes place at five or six o'clock, or on specially formal occasions, at seven. This is the most luxurious and elaborate meal of the day, and is served on gold and silver plate. Finally, the emperor has a plate of cold meat shortly before retiring to rest.—Philadelphia Record.

Not His Knife. Pope—Come, come, Willie, don't you know that it's very bad manners to eat with your knife? When I was a little boy I didn't do that.

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### BLANKETS...

Heavy Grey Blankets at 75c and \$1.00  
a pair.  
Fine All Wool Blankets at \$2.50, \$3.00,  
\$3.50 and \$5.00 a pair.  
Bed Comforts at 95c each.

### UNDERWEAR.

SPECIAL 25 dozen Children's Ribbed  
Flannel Underwear at 25c each.  
All sizes.  
Ladies Vests and Pants, nicely fleeced  
and ribbed, at 25c.  
Gentle Shirts or Drawers at 50 and 75c  
each.

### JACKETS and CAPES.

SPECIAL SALE THIS WEEK.

Ladies' Jackets at \$5, \$6.50, \$7.50, \$10,  
\$12.50.

Ladies' Capes at \$3.50, \$5, \$6.50, \$7.50,  
\$10.

Misses' Jackets at \$2.50, \$3.50, \$5, \$7.50.

Children's Jackets at \$2, \$2.50, \$3.50, \$5.

NOTICE We repair and relne Fur  
Capes and Muffs of all kinds. We make  
over long Fur Capes into Ruyple Capes.  
We make Flannel Cloaks over into Capes.  
We recut Jackets to proper length and  
put fullness in backs of same.

Special values this week in Ladies' Wool Hosiery, Table  
Linen, Cotton Flannels and Wool Skirts.

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Good results from poor  
medicines; all adultera-  
tions are harmful. Use  
the best. Everything in  
the Drug line and of the  
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### LOCAL NEWS.

**Denz, Tailor, 117 North Water St.**  
You pay a little more for Sleeth's por-  
traits but—

Smoke the Little J, 6-cent cigar, made  
by Jacob Kook.

The Rob Roy company left for Spring-  
field this forenoon.

Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of  
bread, cakes, pies, etc. June 23-dtf

Dr H P Bachman, dentist rooms 7,  
8 and 9, in Temple block. 5 dtf

Sleeth is the only photographer in the  
city who guarantees satisfaction

Dr. L. E. Coonrad, Dentist rooms 42  
and 43 Fulton block aug24-dtf

Regular meeting of Coeur de Leon  
Lodge, Knights of Pythias, this evening.

Hot soup served at noon every day at  
Singleton's Restaurant—Oct21dtf

The old reliable K & W cigars are made  
by John Weigand. Moh 25-dtf

Smoke the famous Leda, a fine 10 cent-  
er, made by John Weigand. Moh 25 dtf

Last evening Miss Jennie Bell gave a  
couchie party at her home on Central ave-  
nue

See our cheap shoes for men.

Philpott's, 229 N. Water St.  
Oct21dtf F. L. Stevenson, Assignee

There will be services next Sunday at  
the Christian tabernacle. Rev. George F.  
Hall will occupy the pulpit

The Wabash City Ticket Office has  
been removed from No. 132 East Prairie  
street to No. 117 Merchant street. dtf

Tender roast beef with brown gravy  
served at noon daily at Singleton's restau-  
rant—Oct31dtf

Use Decatur coal. It is the best. Leave  
your order at Armstrong Bros' drug  
store—oct8 dtf

Rev. Mr. Waller of Springfield, will lec-  
ture at the U B church this evening on  
"The Man of the West."

Rev. F. C. Oberly will preach this eve-  
ning at St. Luke's chapel on East Leadland  
avenue

On Sunday Rev. L. Field will preach  
in the U B church at 3 p m  
and at Blue Mound at 7 30 p m.

The members of Coeur de Leon lodge  
Knights of Pythias, expect to get into  
their new hall in Powers' new block, by  
January 1st

Now would be a good time to clean the  
paved streets again. There are wagon  
loads of mud at the street intersections  
and in the gutters.

At St. Louis yesterday Francis M.  
Burns and Minnie Johnson, of Blue  
Mound, were granted a marriage license.  
Recently Mr Burns was divorced from  
his first wife

Ladies and children made dresses,  
cloaks and winter wraps nicely dyed  
cleaned and pressed—no ripping apart  
at Miller's Steam Dye House, 145  
North Main street.

New shoes for Fall arriving daily.

PHILPOTT,  
F. L. Stevenson, Assignee  
Oct 5 dtf

A committee representing the Reformed  
Jewish congregation of Decatur held a  
meeting last night at the St. Nicholas hotel  
to consider the matter of securing a  
permanent place to hold services.

The members of the wheelmen's club  
expect to have club rooms this winter  
and keep up their organization until the  
summer months. They have several  
places in view but have not yet decided  
upon their quarters

A present with every pair of school  
shoes at PHILPOTT'S,  
F. L. Stevenson, Assignee  
Oct 5 dtf

Mr. Newell, who is to be in this city  
Sunday to speak before the Endeavor  
meeting, will preach at the Cumberland  
Presbyterian church Sunday morning.  
Mr. Newell is connected with the Moody  
Institute at Chicago and is said to be an  
excellent speaker.

Dr. Woodburn, who recently located in  
the city, coming from Indianapolis, has  
been secured as the tenor for the choir of  
St. John's church. At the services next  
Sunday morning Mrs. Fred Stoner will  
sing and in the evening Miss Beatrice  
Howard will sing.

This evening the members of the Sons  
of Veterans and the Ladies' Aid society  
will give an entertainment at the G. A.  
R. hall. There will be a musical and lit-  
erary program followed by a dance. The  
ladies will bring lunch baskets and they  
will be auctioned off to the company.

The pupils of the third grade at the  
Wood street school will give an exhibition  
of music and drawing Friday afternoon  
and request the friends and parents to be  
present at that time. Miss Ida Hockley-  
berry is the teacher and much progress  
has been made this year in the music and  
drawing work.

### SICK IN DECATUR.

Two Members of the Whitney Comic  
Opera Company.

Although the Whitney company gave a  
very smooth performance of Rob Roy at  
the Grand last night the company was  
not at its best. It has been more or less  
crippled ever since the recent tour  
through Texas. There are 84 members  
on the pay roll, but since leaving Texas  
all but six members of the troupe have  
been more or less prostrated by malarial  
fever. One of the leading ladies had to  
be left in the hospital at San Antonio,  
Texas. She has since recovered and will  
join the company on Sunday.

On reaching Decatur George F.  
Knowles, who in the opera takes the part  
of Tammus McSorley, became so ill that  
he could not appear last night. He re-  
mained in his room at the Arcade hotel,  
where also Miss Lewis, a member of the  
chorus, is now detained by illness. Dr.  
J. S. King is the attending physician.

Mr. Knowles who is a very sick man, was  
removed to St. Mary's hospital this fore-  
noon. Miss Lewis will remain at the  
hotel for the present.

Manager Williams is of the opinion  
that the company is hoodooed as to ill-  
ness, and he is considerably worried over  
the crippled condition of the company.  
He wishes now he had never routed the  
company through Texas.

Will Preach on Sunday.

Rev. Geo. F. Hall will be heard at the  
Tabernacle

We are authorized to state that next  
Sunday morning and evening Rev.  
George F. Hall will occupy the pulpit at  
the Christian tabernacle. He will preach  
both morning and evening.

At the close of the morning service  
there will be a short business meeting.  
It is desired that every member of the  
congregation be present as the business  
to come up will be of special importance.

Springfield Wants the Meet.

Springfield wheelmen are discussing  
the location of the next state meet, which  
actively starts the cycle season in Illi-  
nois. Several cities are already in the  
field for the honor. The Illinois division  
of the League of American Wheelmen  
meets next month in Chicago, when the  
time and place for the meet will be de-  
cided upon. Springfield is in the race  
and wheelmen there hope to capture the  
meet. Alton and Peoria are rivals for  
the event. The meet was held last season  
at Peoria. Springfield has tried for  
several years to secure the meeting to run  
it in conjunction with the state fair, but so  
far has been unsuccessful. A commit-  
tee of wheelmen will attend the meeting  
in Chicago and present the claim for  
Springfield.

Jaw Bone Broken.

W. E. Stevenson, travelling representa-  
tive for the Midland Poultry Journal,  
jumped from the head end of a Walcutt  
hugger car at the Water street crossing  
of the road last night and by the fall he  
was seriously bruised and had a jaw bone  
broken. He was brought to the police  
station by the wagon and attended by  
Dr. Dixon who gave the man surgical at-  
tention. Stevenson is a morphine fiend  
and pleaded for the drug. Some was  
given him to quiet his nerves. Stevens-  
on had got on the train at Lanesville  
and is heading his way to Decatur be-  
cause he had no money.

Constable McQuailly Hurt.

Last night Constable Isaac McQuailly  
of Blue Mound township, got mixed up  
in an altercation in the Markwell saloon  
on South Park street, and he got the  
worst of it, but he didn't realize that he  
had a shoulder dislocated until after he  
was hauled off to the police station in the  
patrol wagon. Dr. Dixon attended him.  
This morning the party constable was  
turned loose. It is supposed that he  
mossed off to his home in the country.

How Senator Palmer Voted.

Some of the newspapers are asserting  
that Senator Palmer "bolted" the Indian  
apolis ticket at the late election and voted  
for McKinley. This is not true. The  
senator himself is authority for the state-  
ment that he did not feel like voting for  
himself, so he did not vote for presidential  
electors. He all voted for the state  
ticket of the gold standard independent  
Democracy.

Foot Ball News.

The high school foot ball team have  
made arrangements with the Taylorville  
club to play in this city on Nov. 21. The  
Springfield team will be here Thanksgiv-  
ing Day. Bryan Vail has resigned his  
position as captain of the club and Fred  
Bonfield has been appointed in his place.

Return From Taylorville.

Mrs. George R. Steele returned home  
today from Taylorville where last night  
she inspected the Women's Relief Corps  
at that place. She found the corps in ex-  
cellent shape. Mrs. Steele was given a  
complimentary banquet and also a souve-  
nir silver spoon.

Out Again.

Frank Ward, engineer at the furniture  
factory, who has been ill at St. Mary's  
hospital, is again up and around. He  
has about recovered from his affliction.  
He was taken sick soon after his return  
from Virginia.

Married.

In Decatur on Nov. 11, by Rev. D. F.  
Howe, James W. Jones, of Macon, and  
Miss Ollie E. Elliott, of Taylorville. The  
couple will reside at Macon.

Another case of diphtheria has been  
reported at the home of Phillip Carven,  
No. 1853 North Railroad avenue.

### PERSONAL MENTION.

Frank Taylor went to Blue Mound last  
evening.

David Patterson, who has been ill, is  
improving.

Justice W. W. McDevore is confined to  
his home by illness.

Miss Mable Carlin, of Edinburg, is in  
the city visiting relatives.

Architect Boyington will return to Chi-  
cago this evening.

Mrs. P. B. Provost is seriously ill at  
her home on North Church street.

Dr. W. M. Cato was in Corro Gordo  
last night on professional business.

Miss Sadie Leppke, of St. Louis, arrived  
in the city today to visit Miss Aiken  
Laur.

Mrs. Trogden of Paris, Ill., is in the  
city visiting her daughter, Mrs. E. B.  
Walslow.

Architect Boyington, Chicago, is in the  
city, to look after the work on the Powers  
building.

Miss Evelyn Barton, who has been vis-  
iting relatives in Missouri, has returned  
to the city.

Miss Irene Wood, who has been visit-  
ing at Sedalia, Mo., for the past six weeks,  
arrived home last night.

Mrs. Silas Packard will leave next  
week for Philadelphia where she will visit  
her aunt who is seriously ill.

Henry Gilmore, of Delavan, Ill., is in  
the city visiting his brother, Rev. Gil-  
more, pastor of Grace Methodist church.

C. P. Housum will leave the latter part  
of the week for the south. He expects to  
spend the winter in the Windward Is-  
lands.

Mrs. O. Z. Green, who was hurt in a  
runaway about two months ago, is still  
confined to her bed, but is gradually re-  
covering from the results of her injuries.

Miss May Kimber, who is in the city to  
attend the reception to be given this eve-  
ning by Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Race, is the  
guest of Mrs. D. A. Barrackman.

Miss Lydia M. West, a returned mis-  
sionary from Africa, visited Rev. J. A.  
F. King and family yesterday. She left  
today for Ghison City where she will lec-  
ture this evening. Miss West will de-  
liver a lecture on Africa at the U. B.  
church on the 26th of this month.

MARRIED IN LONDON.

The Lady Who Was to Have Been the Wife  
of Ex-Mayor Harrison

London, Nov. 12.—Miss Annie How-  
ard, daughter of the late Charles T. How-  
ard, of New Orleans, betrothed to Carter  
Harrison, mayor of Chicago at the time  
the latter was assassinated, was married  
here to Walter Barrett of Barrett Bros'  
stock brokers, this city. The honeymoon  
will be spent in England. Miss Howard  
is very wealthy.

RUSIE WANTS LIBERTY.

He Carries His Demand Into the Courts  
at New York

Chicago, Nov. 12.—Amos Rusie, the  
famous base ball pitcher, has filed a bill  
in the United States court demanding re-  
lease from reservation by the New York  
ball club.

A Southern Scheme.

Chicago, Nov. 12.—The Southern De-  
velopment company is another enterprise,  
the establishment of which depended up-  
on the settlement of the financial ques-  
tion. This company has recently been  
chartered under the laws of Alabama for  
the purpose of developing 200,000 acres of  
southern Alabama land, bordering on the  
Gulf of Mexico. The founders of the  
company in which the Chicago capital-  
ists are financially interested are Col-  
onel John T. Dickinson, ex secretary of  
the World's Fair and D. H. Campbell, the  
well known contractor and engineer. It  
is the purpose of the company to establish  
industries and manufacturing plants of  
different kinds in this section, besides  
building a railway. The carrying out of  
this project means the expenditure of sev-  
eral millions of dollars and the employ-  
ment of thousands of men.

Editor Storey's Widow.

Chicago, Nov. 12.—An inventory of the  
estate of Eureka C. Storey-Dunlop was  
filed and approved yesterday in the prob-  
ate court. The inventory shows that the  
estate is worth \$340,000. Of this the real  
estate is placed at \$30,000 and consists of  
the residence at 2011 Prairie avenue. The  
balance of the estate is in personal  
property, goods and chattels, including  
jewelry, are put at \$29,000.

Illinois Man a Winner.

Baltimore, Nov. 12.—The champion  
ship Dupont cup for wing shots goes to  
Blue Island, Ill. George Roll won it at  
the Baltimore Shooting association  
grounds from Bertram Claridge of Balti-  
more. Score, Roll, 48, Claridge, 45.  
Claridge won the trophy and national  
championship in the big tournament held  
in Chicago, defeating 126 of the crack  
shoots of the country. Roll is but 26 years  
of age.

The Popular Vote.

Major McKinley's plurality on the pop-  
ular vote, approximating 1,030,000, is  
considerably more than double that given  
Abraham Lincoln in 1860, and exceeds  
that of Grant over Greeley in 1872 (bith-  
erto the greatest on record) by about 277,-  
000.

### SHERMAN ON LEGISLATION.

Thinks the Dingley Bill Can Be Passed  
With Slight Changes.

New York, Nov. 12.—Senator John  
Sherman, of Ohio, who is at the Hotel  
avenue hotel, talked freely with a rep-  
resentative about the outlook for legisla-  
tion at the next congress.

"It will be necessary to pass a tariff  
measure at once," he said. "The Dingley  
bill, with some changes will do for the  
present. The Democrats make a great  
mistake in not permitting that bill to  
pass in the last congress. It was only a  
temporary measure, intended to raise the  
revenue that the government is in need  
of, and if the Democrats had let it go  
through there would have been no ne-  
cessity for bond issues and the finan-  
cial administration would have escaped a  
great deal of the censure and criticism  
that was heaped upon it."

"I doubt," the senator continued, "if  
the Democrats in the senate will support  
the bill. I am sure the silver question  
will not obstruct legislation. I under-  
stand all silver men except John and  
Dubois are opposed to a policy of restric-  
tion. If the Dingley bill is passed at the  
opening session of congress there will be  
no necessity for an extraordinary session  
after March 4. Considering everything, I  
think that the outlook for the passage of  
the bill is bright."

"It is doubtful the Republicans will  
have a majority in the senate. Nobody  
can tell yet whether Republicans or Dem-  
ocrats will go to the senate from a  
large or North Carolina. Until these  
states elect their senators it will be im-  
possible to say which side will have a ma-  
jority."

The senator was asked if he knew any-  
thing about the make up of President  
McKinley's cabinet, and if he might take  
the treasury portfolio again.

"McKinley is the only man who knows  
anything about the cabinet timber set  
and I have given no thought to cabinet  
matters," he replied.

THANKSGIVING DAY.

Alfred Proclamations a Few but Not All of  
the Reasons Why We Should  
Give Thanks

Springfield, Ill., Nov. 12.—Gov. Peter  
Altgeld has issued the following Thanks-  
giving proclamation:

"State of Illinois, Executive office,  
Springfield, Ill., Nov. 11.—It is the cus-  
tom that the governor set aside one day  
in each year to be devoted to thanksgiv-  
ing for the blessings of the past twelve  
months and to meditation. They are just  
closing has been free from famine and  
pestilence, the fields have yielded with  
unusual abundance to the husbandman's  
toil, and it is fitting that we should give  
thanks to Divine Providence for her  
bounty."

"Now, therefore, I do hereby proclaim  
Thursday, the 26th day of November A.  
D. 1896, as a day of thanksgiving. Let  
all upon all of our people to harvest  
their usual vocations and devote the day  
to giving thanks to the manifold bless-  
ings bestowed upon them during the year."

"In witness whereof I have hereunto  
set my hand and caused to be affixed the  
great seal of state this 9th day of Novem-  
ber, A. D. 1896."

John P. Altgeld, governor.

By the governor,  
William H. Fitzhugh,  
Secretary of State.

Winter Suits for \$2,000.

The old trouble in the church of the  
village in the Peoria Presbytery has been  
out afresh. The trial is on at Peoria.  
One witness was heard yesterday in the  
shelter suit of Rev. C. M. Taylor, pastor  
of the Peoriaville Presbyterian church  
against Edward Anton, a bankrupt of the  
city, for damages of \$2,000. The trou-  
ble has been brewing for a long time and  
resulted from an alleged statement of  
Anton that Taylor was dishonest in not  
paying his debts, except at the rate of one  
dollar. Taylor resigned after his resig-  
nation a church trial followed a year  
later, in which Anton withdrew his  
charges, and the case was dismissed by  
mutual agreement. The settlement did  
not last long, for the trouble broke out  
again and Taylor instituted the damage  
suit.

Sales of Real Estate.

Josephine V. Tyler to Alice A. May-  
ville, three sixth interest in 1144 R. Pike,  
two sixth interest and W. J. Cheney to  
one sixth interest in 30 feet of block  
west side of lot 11 in block 1 of street &  
Mill's addition, \$6000.

J. J. Finn to Cynthia M. Walslow,  
her deed to a lot at the corner of 11th  
block 6 of May Bros & Traver's addi-  
tion, \$173 14.

Hargrave Killed in a Store.

Batavia, N. C., Nov. 12.—At 10  
o'clock this morning a burglar entered  
the house of W. A. Hargrave and  
stole from him a large sum of money.  
He summoned a body of citizens to  
surrender. The burglar refused to  
surrender. Many shots were fired  
and one burglar was killed and  
another wounded. He surrendered.

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Session at St. Louis,  
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FIVE HUNDRED DELEGATES PRE

Treasurer's Report Shows Good

Receipts and Balance on Hand

Gain in Membership Offset

a Corresponding Loss

St. Louis, Nov. 13.—The fifty th

annual convention of the national W

omen's Christian Temperance Un

ion opened today. Five hundred de

legates are present and as many more

from all parts of the country. The

part of Helen M. Baker, treasurer

that notwithstanding hard times

receipts are larger than for several

years and while the appropriation

for work have greatly increased

there is a balance on hand. The

receipts \$27,768, expenditures, \$24,768.